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WEATHER.  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—For lower Michigan—Generally fair; except light showers in upper Michigan; slightly warmer; south winds.

BEHIND EVERYWHERE.  
There is universal regret expressed that the newly elected representative in congress for the Fifth district is not more truly representative of the intelligence and energy of the people. While the change to be made in this respect is not any too marked, still Mr. Richardson, like many other men, suffers by reason of an untoward and unprepossessing personal appearance. He is not a man of indifferent ability, but has a fairly good understanding of parliamentary law and a thorough grasp of economic questions as taught in the democratic school.

It is true, nevertheless, that he suffered at the hands of the democratic business men of this city to the extent of fully 700 votes in Tuesday's election. In this city, too, a spirit of local pride prompted quite a number of democrats to scratch the democratic candidate for congress, showing in the returns probably 1,000 votes in all that would have been cast for a regular democratic nominee. It will thus be seen that, other things naturally balancing themselves on the other tickets, Mr. Richardson was 1,000 votes weaker than a straight democrat would have been.

The only question affecting the electoral ticket was the party question, except in cases where, through personal friendship, republicans intending to vote for Morse voted for the democratic electors as well—a mistake quite frequently made under the Australian system. This is borne out by the fact that the republican district elector ran 147 ahead of Mr. Rich and 12 behind Mr. Belknap. Prof. Swensberg, the republican candidate for elector, led the state ticket in every county and the state ticket led the congressional.

This is a remarkable circumstance in view of the positive and conceded weakness of the democratic nominee for congress. The democrats are free to admit, now the election is over, that their candidate was the weakest they ever had and that they expected he would be defeated by a heavy majority. In view of all the premises the defeat of Mr. Belknap is explainable only upon the theory that republicans voted against him in large numbers, not only in Kent, but Ottawa and Ionia. He ran behind his ticket everywhere and showed no evidence of personal popularity anywhere.

OUR ELECTION REPORTS.  
Attention is again called to the superiority of the United Press over its sleepy and phlegmatic competitor, the Associated Press. The returns received through the United Press by THE HERALD were uniformly an hour in advance of those received by The Democrat through the Associated Press. The Democrat did not print any dispatch on the general result, except a general bulletin received from Chicago at 11 p. m., which same bulletin was received by THE HERALD at 9:50 p. m. Its subsequent dispatches were largely estimates compiled on incomplete returns, while THE HERALD'S dispatches were terse, accurate and reliable.

The greatest superiority of the United Press was shown in the reproduction of the leading editorials in the New York Tribune, World, Times and Commercial Advertiser concerning the election of Cleveland. On the whole the United Press report was so much more intelligent, concise and comprehensive than the dry volume of estimates furnished by the Associated Press that it provoked any amount of favorable comment. THE HERALD also calls attention to the fact that it was enabled to put the complete city report, by precincts, before its readers one hour earlier than the Democrat. Also that its reports from the townships of Ionia, Kent and Ottawa counties were much more complete than the Democrat's. In addition to our superb report on the general result, our more complete returns on city, county and congressional, THE HERALD was permitted, through the courtesy of the Detroit Free Press, to give the most reliable report on the state ticket.

NOT A WATERLOO.  
Replined and beaten by an overwhelming force, the broken and scattered lines of republicanism are already aligning for the conflicts of the future. The party has met no Waterloo; its rapid advance along the race-course of progress has been checked with startling suddenness. At a standstill now, the surprise is already dissipating, and soon the principles of the party will be forced to the front with old time vigor and enthusiasm.

The republicans are beaten, but not dismayed. They are overwhelmed, but not routed. The McKinley bill has been voted a want of confidence by the people, but the republican party is just as loyal to it now as when it inspired them with confidence of success. The economic principle for which it stands is as eternally right in this hour of adversity as it was when the Minneapolis convention reaffirmed

it. Republicans are not prepared to admit that there is a single water in their allegiance to the cause it represents, and will rebuke any man or newspaper that presumes to the contrary.

In the face of unparalleled prosperity when our furnaces are ablaze and the music of industry thrills the air, the American people by a majority vote have declared "that protection is a fraud." Nothing but practical experience with free trade will convince this majority that their decision is wrong. We shall have the test. The government will be democratic after March 4, 1893. Republicans can afford to suffer the evil of a free trade experiment in obedience to the decree of the majority. When the biting sting of want and the shadow of stagnation in our commercial enterprises shall supervene, then the beneficence and wisdom of the McKinley bill will flash home upon the people and the principle for which we have suffered defeat will be vindicated.

If the campaign of 1892 were to be fought over again the republicans would not change, nor modify, the issue. To say that another than the President would have led us to victory is a confession that exposes the party to ridicule. It was a campaign of education and not of passion. The republicans stood to their pledges and were honest with the people. The democrats interjected race and religious and riot prejudices wherever ignorance could be made the prey for deceit. Under such an attack the ramparts of heaven would yield and crumble. When the excitement has subsided the real significance of Tuesday's repulse will be less alarming.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.  
This morning's Chicago Herald will contain an editorial demand that President-elect Cleveland shall convene the 55th congress immediately following his inauguration to enact a sweeping free trade substitute for the McKinley bill. The demand is based on what THE HERALD is pleased to define as the "will of the people" expressed "with tremendous emphasis." This violent explosion of eager exultation and the purpose evinced to hasten the adoption of so radical a change in our commercial policy can have only one effect, namely, to unsettle business and introduce a trying period of uncertainty.

The demand, fortunately, is made by the most unreasoning free trade organ in the country. It will have little weight with Mr. Cleveland, whose immovable determination to do as he himself thinks is right, will not be ruffled by this semi-anarchistic outbreak at this time. Mr. Cleveland is not a hot-head. He knows that to disturb the present condition of business would be fatal to the interests of the great majority and suicidal to his party. He will call no special session of congress to expedite free trade dreams. The Herald's alarmed and alarming vehemence will die aborning. It is repugnant to the better sense of decency that all democrats possess in some degree.

The "tremendous emphasis" with which the people have "condemned the McKinley bill" carries with it no command that the ordinary course of legislation shall be anticipated in the manner indicated. The people have elected a democratic governing power to take the reins at the established times and places. The fifty-third congress will convene as usual the first Monday in December 1893. That is the time appointed by law. To call it at an earlier day is in violation of the constitution and it cannot therefore be seriously considered. There is no "extraordinary occasion" that could be conjured to warrant such a call by the president. There need be no apprehension that any cause other than war or threatened invasion will be deemed sufficient justification to convene the congress, or either branch of it, prior to the first Monday in December, 1893.

BURKE COCHRAN will please revise that remarkable speech he delivered in the democratic convention amongst the howling Tammanyites and the indignant Clevelandites as the gray dawn streaked the murky horizon. It doesn't jibe with subsequent events.

AFTER all the fuss and fusian made by the democrats over their victory, the control of the United States senate is in the hands of the third party and a wholesale wiping out of the protective system is not so brilliantly probable as it has been for the last two days.

When the temperate democrats recover their senses and the intemperate ones recover their sobriety, it will be in order to celebrate with much loud noise and vociferation. The pleasure it will afford republicans will be of the exulting order.

CHAIRMAN KITCHAM of the republican congressional committee did his utmost to achieve success but he was handicapped by force of circumstances over which he had no control. The result is no reflection on his zeal and capability.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MCKNIGHT attributes his defeat to the greater number of votes cast for his opponent. If he shall explain the significance of this sage conclusion to the kindergarten his grief will be assuaged.

CONGRESS BUREAU is not a "thinking" democrat. He said on the eve of the democratic national convention that every "thinking democrat knew that Cleveland's election this year was an impossibility."

PROBABLY two such striking mental and moral contrasts were never seen before in one family, as exemplified in Lord Randolph Churchill and his brother the dead Duke of Marlborough.

TAMMANY—"I am owner of the sphere and the seven stars and the solar system."

MR. HAYWARD may not be an undoubted expert on electric lighting, but nobody will question his proficiency

and picturesqueness in the use of profanity.

UNOFFICIAL returns seem to indicate that Dwight Goes, whose knowledge of politics is limited to one verb and a preposition will not apply for a position as janitor of the government building until 1897.

It is possible that the wholesale grocers have just received the bills for their winter's coal and must form a combine to save themselves from bankruptcy.

SHERIFF MCKEON rises above his defeat to say that he will still be ready to try for the prize he just lost when it comes his way again.

PETER DORAN is now humming that beautiful song, "I'm a cuckoo, and my business I know well."

CLEVELAND is elected; but it is safe to say that Henry Watterson won't get the postoffice.

Don't waste any more time explaining it. Let's get ready to swipe 'em in 1898.

Burning of a Barn.  
The light in the northern sky about 9 o'clock last evening was caused by the burning of a barn north of the city. The owner's name or the loss could not be ascertained last night.

## ADOPT NEW RULES.

"Boys" on Runners Will Have Things So Easy.

St. Louis, Nov. 10.—The Western Turf congress continued its session today, and elected officers, revised the rules and adjourned sine die. The following were elected: E. H. Clay, Lexington, president; V. L. Kirkman, Nashville, vice president; L. C. Hopper, Latonia, secretary; O. L. Bradley, Lexington, treasurer.

Vice President Hiram Leogann, of the Owners Racing Association, appeared before the convention and made several suggestions which were complied with. Colonel Clark and Mr. Taiton were appointed as a committee to draft a license for jockeys, with regulations for their government. Under the new rules no jockey who is interested in the ownership of a horse in training, will be allowed to ride any other horse than his own; and any one riding in a race is prohibited from blind on any horse but his own mount. The valet system is abolished, and in lieu of it each jockey club will furnish a corps of attendants for the jockeys. Any official connected with the running of a race will be ruled off for making a bet. Starters and assistants may not use bad language or abuse jockeys.

When a horse carries an incorrect weight bet on them shall not be affected by objections made after the race, provided they carried the weight printed on the program or posted on the notice board.

After the adjournment the members were invited to a dinner at the club house by the retiring president, Rollo Wells.

## Through Baggage Not Fumigated.

LANSING, Nov. 10.—The state board of health has so modified its rules with reference to the disinfection of baggage in connection with the quarantine against cholera infection, that the baggage of immigrants whose destination is to points west of this state and passing through the state in sealed cars without stopping, will not be subject to disinfection at the state board.

## Lumber Camp Suicider.

MARQUETTE, Nov. 10.—J. E. Hartney, foreman of the Chicago Lumber company at Munising, Alger county, shot himself through the head yesterday morning at a camp twelve miles south of that village. No reason is known except despondency from an apparently slight illness. He was about 45 years old, unmarried, and had relatives in Ottawa, Canada.

## Four Horses Burned.

ADRIAN, Nov. 10.—Fire last evening destroyed the large barn of Edward Sword of the Third ward, with contents. Four horses were burned. They were loosened and every effort made to take them out, but it failed. One span was worth \$200 and was the finest team in the city. Loss on barn, \$800.

## Sudden Death of Thomas Plues.

MONROE, Nov. 10.—Thomas Plues, for many years one of the best known and most prosperous farmers of the county, died suddenly at the Park hotel, where he had made his home for the past few years, at an early hour yesterday morning of acute congestion of the lungs.

## Filed Articles of Association.

LANSING, Nov. 10.—The Citizens' State bank of South Haven, with a capital of \$50,000 has filed articles of association with the commissioner of banking.

## State News in Brief.

Many of the political flags bearing the likenesses of the two great leaders were taken from their lofty position and carefully laid away for future use.—Muskegon News. Yes, Grover is singing that beautiful ditty, "I'm on very good terms with myself."

Mrs. J. B. Moore put \$1,500 worth of jewelry in a waste paper basket. The maid emptied it in the alley and Mrs. Moore wants to know how it all happened.

"Ah, there, my counterfeit dollar," said John Letson of Belding, and he passed it. Stay there—at Ionia ten months, said Judge Severens.

Negatives is kicking because the material for her trunk sewer is not forthcoming. Too much diphteria makes persons nervous.

A five-year-old Saginaw youth was exploring in the pantry and sampled a bottle of poison. The stomach pump saved his life.

Boosters and spread eagles occupy prominent places on the front pages of our esteemed rival contemporaries.

Joseph Callahan, of Bay City, was working on a lumber pile and fell from it, breaking his shoulder.

Beaverton people are raising a bonus to induce the Michigan Central to run there from Gladwin.

How do the returns suit you?—Pettosky Record. We didn't win a bet, thanks.

# "YOU BET I'M SORE"

George W. Sanford and L. W. Sprague Denounce

## FUSION AND THE POPULISTS

Mr. Sprague Claims the People's Party Leaders Sold Out the Ticket to the Republicans.

"You bet I'm sore over the result in Michigan," said L. W. Sprague at Sweet's last night. "Me too," chimed in George P. Sanford. "Same here," said Ruth J. Shank. The three democratic members of the board of managers of the Soldier's home sat on a big settee in the lobby of Sweet's, and discussed the political situation in Michigan.

They were unanimous in the opinion that something was dead wrong with Michigan democracy, and Mr. Sprague expressed his views freely, with more or less affirmation. Mr. Sanford had a few opinions, and was not overly cautious in giving them expression. "It's a disgrace to democracy," said Mr. Sanford, "to have the northwest go democratic and Michigan fall up 15,000 republican plurality. I'm not saying who is to blame for the result; but I will say that there has been some mighty poor democratic management. Isn't that so, doctor?"

"I agree with you," said Dr. Shank and Mr. Sanford continued: "The democratic managers ought to get together occasionally and find out where they are at. Every man goes his own sweet way according to his own judgment, and winds up wherever it happens. The time to begin campaign—that is if you expect to win—is not the week before election. It ought to be begun in the spring, and it wouldn't be a bad idea to have a little system about it."

There has been no concerted action, and the force of the democracy has been wasted in petty factional fights in Wayne and Kent counties, the strongholds of Michigan democracy. The returns indicate the result.

"That's it; that's it," said Mr. Sprague. "What the devil have we been doing all the campaign? We've been fixing up the middle of the road for the benefit of the people's party. Then we have marched along about a week behind. The democratic candidates of Michigan would have done a damn sight better if they had—"

Hold on, you're talking to a reporter," interrupted Mr. Sanford. "Don't care a cuss if I am," said Mr. Sprague. "It's true, and every democrat knows it's true. The candidates on our ticket would all have received a mighty sight bigger vote if they had not been yoked with the people's party. Look at it in our county. We were virtually sold out by the populists. The same were renegade republicans and they played the democratic party for what there was in it. Take Dr. Nichols, for instance. He's all right as a doctor, but as a politician he's a shyster. Just look at the state ticket. Suppose Rich is elected governor by 14,000, as claimed. Ellis, Schaefer and Newton ought to have been elected by the combined votes of the democratic and populist. But where is that people's party vote? It is hardly apparent to the naked eye. It hasn't swept the state for anybody—unless it is for the republican ticket."

"No, thank you, no more fusion in mine."

## Gossip of the Hotels.

"Senator" Douglas and his "Jacksonian" cohort serenaded the Morton house and Sweet's last night. They sang a parody on "Who Killed Cock Robin?" The refrain ran, "The democrats now are laughing quite hearty, over the death of the grand old party." They were heartily encored by the democratic enthusiasts at the Morton and sang two stanzas over again. "I don't mind being damned and perdition and being tried out of sight," said a republican traveling man, who was gerrymandering three billiard balls. "But it makes me hot to have 'em rub it in with such a God-forsaken tune as that."

The pool seller at the Morton paid all bets last night except those in which congressmen was involved. He had backed Belknap every time he could find a taker, and was decidedly sore over the probable result. He refused to concede Richardson's election until the official count showed it. Ed Barnard cashed \$1,700 worth of tickets, all won on the county results.

Samuel W. B. Chase and wife of Chicago, Charles Kimball of Boston, James Crozer of Menominee and A. S. Douglas of Chicago arrived at the Morton yesterday morning. Mr. Crozer is in the city to attend the meeting of the board of managers of the Soldiers' home.

H. F. Moeller, J. S. Smart, J. W. Symons and J. H. Goodie comprised a delegation of Saginaw wholesale grocers that attended the convention held in the city yesterday. They were guests at the Morton.

Among yesterday's arrivals at Sweet's were L. H. Hies of Boston, Owen Goffey of Buffalo, A. W. Wengro of Muskegon, F. D. Smith of Ravenna, J. J. Wetmore of Chicago and Albert Rapp of New York.

G. G. Covell of Traverse City, C. Kernan of Newaygo, C. Jesse Church, a well-known Greenville capitalist, F. E. Higgins of Chicago and Paul Montaine of New York registered at the Morton yesterday.

D. M. Montrose of Detroit, Arthur Jones and P. Booth of Muskegon, Robert Holt of Boston and Fred L. Reynolds and wife arrived at the Morton yesterday.

C. T. Williams of Lansing, Jacob Baar, a prominent Grand Haven politician, A. T. Penniman of Battle Creek and H. C. A. Bossett of Detroit are at Sweet's.

R. O. Wheeler, W. R. Raligan, Ed Telfer, E. S. White, J. T. Cowles and F. P. Nester constituted a Detroit delegation that are guests in the Morton.

E. T. Hillen, F. W. Averill, J. L. Douglass and H. S. Griggs of Jackson are at the New Livingston. They are attending the grocers' convention.

A. V. Mann, C. T. Hills and the Hon. J. W. Moon of Muskegon, congressman elect of the ninth district, dined at the Morton yesterday.

J. S. and J. W. Sabben of Manistee, D. W. H. Moreland of Detroit and L. A. Smith of Muskegon arrived at the Morton last night.

## Dr. Keeley Is Coming.

Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, the discoverer of the celebrated methuine of gold for drunkenness, will be in the city Tuesday. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Keeley and by Nat A. Reed, Jr., editor

of the Banner of Gold. They will be guests at the Morton during their stay in the city. Sometime during the afternoon or evening Dr. Keeley will hold a reception for the benefit of persons wishing to meet him.

## JAPANESE SOCIAL

Given by the Young People's Guild of Park Church.

The young people's guild of the Park Congregational church gave a Japanese social last evening. Miss Alta Winchester read a paper on Japanese life. The reading was interspersed with tableaux. The participants follow:

Salutation, Zula Cheney and Marion Dickinson.  
Street sprinkler, Edward Boise.  
Street scene, May Rosenthal, Eda and Lella Anderson, Carl Winchester, Arthur Vandenberg and Eugene Cheney.

"Mourning with their Samsen," Mrs. Carl Nichols and Miss Annin.  
Sleeping scene, Bernice Godwin.  
Japanese school, May Rosenthal, Eda and Lella Anderson, Carl Winchester, Arthur Vandenberg and Eugene Cheney.

"Bringing Sake," Fannie Osgood and Florence Boell.  
Tea drinking, Zula Cheney, Maud and Edith Boynton, Estelle Hazeltine, Ethel Bradford, Bernice Godwin, Irene Porter and Grace Lynch.

The Japanese national anthem was played by Mrs. W. H. Gay and Bert Dickinson.  
After the tableaux, tea was served in the church parlors, which had been fitted up to resemble a Japanese dwelling.

## ATHLETIC CLUB.

Excellent Work Shown at Last Night's Athletic Entertainment.

The Grand Rapids Athletic club gave the first athletic exhibition of the season last evening to a crowded house. The first part of the entertainment consisted of a piano solo by Ferd Warner, vocal selection by Valley City quartet, banjo duet by Fleune and Gleason, grotesque dancing by the three Marions, cuckoo song by Fred Seyferth, piano duet by Warner Bros. During the selections Smith and Krueger appeared in statutory acts. The athletic portion of the entertainment consisted of performances by Fallon and Snotmaker, on the revolving ladder; the Granello Bros., on the horizontal bar; James Foster, in flying rings; Eddy Smith, contortionist; Meer and May, in trapeze work; the acrobatic Granello Bros.; Ed Smith and Landauer, on roller skates; Phil Smith and Otto Krueger, heavy weight lifters; Snotmaker, in a single trapeze act; "The Imperials," in their Chinese trick horse; Henry Beckman, on a swinging perch and a three round boxing contest between Johnnie Roach and John Fallon. The entertainment ended with a pyramidal scene by members of the club.

## MILITIA APPOINTMENTS

Speculations Regarding the Staff to be Appointed by Governor Rich.

Local militia men are at present speculating on the formation of Governor Rich's staff, as an entire new military board will be appointed, the successor to the late General Farrar, late inspector General Lathrop, Quartermaster General Wood, Colonels Baird, Salisbury, Mitchell and Leisen. It is probable that Colonel E. Crofton Fox of this city will be appointed inspector general and Colonel E. M. Irish of Kalamazoo may be appointed adjutant general.

General Bowen is also to fill the position of brigadier surgeon. The rank rightly belongs to Major Hoke of this city, he being the senior surgeon of the brigade.

## Discouraged Women.

The "Discouraged Temperance Woman" was the topic for discussion at the meeting of the W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Boise, in a carefully prepared paper, told of discouragements of persons who have been identified with historic and moral advancements. She said that history taught of discouragements, but that what is gained is faith, and all will come out right. She told of the vision of a christian woman who dreamed that she was taken to heaven where she saw the rewards of her work and the answers to her prayers.

Miss E. A. Odell, of Kansas, told of the success of prohibition in Kansas. She will soon prepare a paper on that topic for the union.

Mrs. H. W. Downing, of Massadon Centre, N. Y., also addressed the meeting. She said the great mistake the women were making was not that they were indifferent to their own family but to their neighbors. She also impressed on the women the advisability of wearing a white ribbon.

The next meeting will be taken up with the discussion of affairs of the national convention.

## Amusements.

"Ole Olson" continues to fill the Grand at record performance. The incidental features presented by the cast are always heartily welcomed especially the singing of the Swedish quartet.

The usual afternoon and evening performances at Smith's today. The company is actively engaged in preparing new farces for next week.

Men are at work night and day in Powers' new theater, and everything gives assurance of its completion for the opening next Thursday evening. Attractive paper is spread about the city announcing the opening which is headed by Jack Mason, Marion Manola.

A play entitled "Good Old Times," the gift of two republicans, opens at the Grand Sunday for a week. It had a long run in London, where it was first produced, and was succeeded by similar success in the principal cities of this country. It is said to present a story strong in human interest and also contains a vein of bright comedy. Claim is made for handsome scenery, together with mechanical and electrical effects. The company is headed by Henry M. Pitt and Lucie Lewis. Seats are now on sale.

Robert Downing, the tragedian, who is greatly liked by a large number of theater-goers in this city, played the most brilliant engagement in the history of his visits to Detroit the first half of this week.

Handsome announcements have been mailed to theater patrons of the city, with cards of admission, inviting them to inspect Powers' new theater on Saturday evening. The choice of seats will be made by drawing of lots from the stage for the opening night.

## Soldiers' Home Board.

The board of managers of the Soldiers' home held a short session yesterday. Governor Winans and W. F. Gray were absent. Several bills were audited and considerable routine business was transacted, but nothing of public interest was done.

# IS IT A COMBINE?

Michigan Grocery Jobbers Form an Association

## 'JUST FOR SOCIAL ENJOYMENT'

A Secret Meeting Held in Masonic Temple to Perfect an Association—Banquet in the Evening.

If you notice that the size of the sack of sugar you can get for \$1 decreases, do not wonder. The grocery jobbers of Michigan formed an association yesterday. There were twenty-one persons present at the meeting in the Masonic temple when a reporter dropped in to see what the meeting was for. William Widdicombe seemed to be acting as sergeant-at-arms, for no sooner did he perceive the scribe than he rushed out of the door, and with suave but firm demeanor informed him that it was a strictly private meeting and no reporters need apply. He was not satisfied with making the statement, but escorted the reporter to the elevator, pressed the button and did not breathe freely until the elevator boy had done the rest. He was asked if the price of sugar would go up. "Possibly," was his only reply. He referred the reporters to Fred Hall if they wished a report.

## Object of the Association.

At 7 o'clock Mr. Ball was seen in the Peninsular club where the grocers were holding a banquet and asked for a report. He said R. O. Wheeler of Detroit was elected president, J. Fitzsimmons of Detroit first vice president, J. H. Symons of Saginaw second vice president, William Judson of Grand Rapids treasurer, and Fred H. Hall secretary. Mr. Ball read a portion of the constitution and bylaws, which stated that the association was organized to combine for the purpose of extracting extraordinary profits, but the organization was to oppose those who sold goods for less than it cost to do business and to see that legitimate profits were made in doing business. The association will meet once or twice each year and hold a banquet. Mr. Ball explained that the main object of the association was for social enjoyment.

## RICHARDSON ELECTED.

It is Universally Conceded, But His Plurality is Small.

The county committees spent a good share of the day in figuring yesterday. The returns as printed in THE HERALD are substantially correct. No additional figures have been received from Ottawa county and Richardson's election to congress is conceded by everybody, the plurality varying from 18 to 20. Republicans generally accept these figures and say there is nothing to be hoped for in the official count, as it will not change the result unless some entirely unlooked for errors are discovered.

## IS IT A FIRE BUG?

A Second Fire in the Michigan Barrel Company's Lumber Yard.

The alarm of fire from box No. 15 at 8:10 last evening was caused by a blaze in the lumber yards of the Michigan Barrel company. The department suc-

ceeded in controlling the fire and the loss was but \$250, which is fully insured. The cause is unknown, but is supposed to have been incendiary. This is the second fire in the barrel company's yard within a week, and the company is inclined to feel as if a fire bug is at work.

## METHODIST MINISTERS.

They Discuss Topics Pertaining to the Church and Its Work.

There were three sessions of the Methodist ministers' conference yesterday. The morning session, which began at 9 o'clock, was opened by a devotional service conducted by the Rev. T. T. George.

The Rev. A. M. Gould discussed "A good working plan for raising church money," and W. H. Fox, the Rev. Leander Davis, Miss Cuddick and the Rev. R. W. Vankirk discussed "Sunday-school Work—Normal and Kindergarten." "Young People" furnished a subject for discussion by the Revs. T. G. Smith, O. H. Perry and W. M. Puffer.

The devotional exercises at the opening of the afternoon session were conducted by the Rev. N. S. Tuttle, and the Rev. W. C. Cogshall read a paper on "Evangelism and Evangelists."

The Sabbath question and "The Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic" were the subjects for discussion. The former was discussed by the Revs. Francis Ware, Froit, Euell and Varon, while the Revs. Scher, Kellogg, Jackson, Freeman and Reid gave their views in regard to the latter subject.

In the evening the Revs. Hamilton, Odum, Bennett and Frye spoke on the subject, "What should be the attitude of the church toward the labor question?" after which refreshments were served in the church parlors, and the convention adjourned.

## PRESIDING ELDERS MEET.

They Arrange to Hold the Next Annual Conference Here.

The presiding elders of Michigan held a session in Division street Methodist church last night to settle the apportionment the same as last year with the exception of three districts. Grand Traverse district gets the greatest reduction. It was decided to endorse the committee's report regarding the Episcopal home in Detroit and an assessment will be made of 15 cents on each member of the church toward the support of the home.

Heretofore the annual conferences of the church have been entertained free in